June 15, 1927.

Mrs. E. M. Thomas,
Union Point, Ga.

My dear Mrs. Thomas:

On April 14th I received a card from Mrs. Jennie H. Tate of Marietta in reply to a letter I sent her making inquiries regarding the Collier families of Georgia and the Carolinas, as Mrs. Tate is one of the descendants. On this card she requested me to write you and that perhaps you could furnish me a lot of information.

I am a descendant of Vines Collier, who came to Georgia from Virginia in 1780, and this Vines Collier was a descendant of Robert Collier of Stone, England, who's will was probated in 1522. Robert had a grandson by the name of John, who was a merchant in London, England, and died in 1649. He also had several brothers, Charles, Isaac, etc. His brother, Isaac, had a son named Isaac, who came to Virginia about 1650, settling in York County on the Potomac River above Mt. Vernon. His wife was named Sarah, a sister of John and Edward Lockley of London.

In this Collier family the names of Robert, William, John, Thomas, Cuthbert, Lockley, Peter, Isaac, and also Benjamin, appears quite often in each family.

Kindly pardon this long epistle, but it is merely sent you to let you know that I am quite well up on the older generation back behind the year 1800, and what I am now after is information concerning the last three or four generations. The Colliers first settled, after coming from Virginia, in Wilkes County, Georgia, and also across the river over in South Carolina. One of the boys, who was a brother of Vines, settled in North Carolina.

The womens names were Sarah, Martha, Virginia, Annie, Elizabeth, Mary, etc.

For the last 150 or 200 years the name Vines appears quite often in the Collier families, and also Williamson, as the Vines Collier who came to Georgia in 1780 married Sarah, the daughter of Benjamin Williamson.

Mrs. Tate writes me that her father's mother was Mariah Virginia Collier of South Carolina, and that her father's name was J. B. Hart.

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What I would like to know is, what was the name of Mariah Virginia Collier's father, her brothers and sister, and the name of her grandfather and uncles on her father's side.

I trust you will take the time to get this up for me, as I have been working on this genealogy for four or five years and have quite a collection of the Collier families all over America and in England.

Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

JCC:S